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### SPECIAL JOE WHITWAM EDITION

Well, here you are YB Founder Gang....the Big announcement you have been waiting for, and what a whale of an announcement it is:

Presenting  
Joe Whitwan, Director of Y. B. and  
Pre-Senior Camps...season of 1945

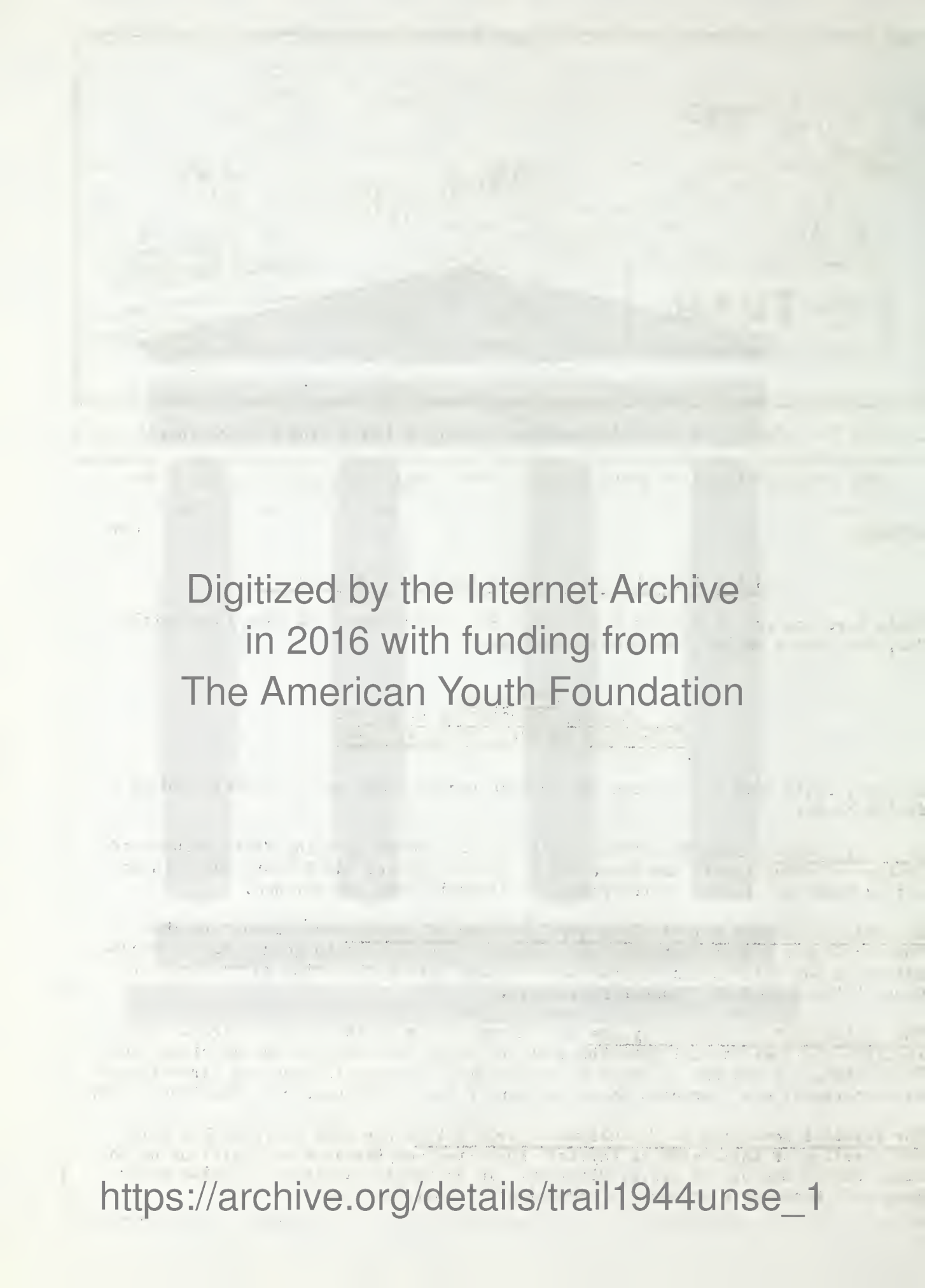
And now, let's have a good look at our 1945 Director and see just what kind of a fellow he is.

To O. B. Campers, just to mention Joe's name is enough to bring forth volumes of praise and enthusiastic How Hows, for to senior campers and leaders there is no better known man in the entire Founder Fellowship than Joe Whitwam.

In 1943 Joe rounded out his 20th straight year of service as a leader in The Founder Camps, and at that time was awarded a handsome solid gold watch in recognition of the outstanding contribution he made during that time to the good of Camp Miniwanca and the Founder Fellowship.

The better part of these 20 years Joe Whitwam has held the post of Director of Physical and Recreational Activities of the Older Boys Camp of the American Youth Foundation, and the way in which he has handled the organization and direction of his department has attracted the attention of the entire physical education world.

For Physical Education is Joe Whitwam's profession. For many years he has held the position of Instructor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics of the Niles Public Schools of Niles, Michigan. In Southwest Michigan Joe Whitwam has long been known as a producer of championship athletic teams.



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From the standpoint of training and equipment, Joe is a graduate of the University of Illinois, later receiving his M. A. Degree from Columbia University.

In Camp, Joe has always been the leader of the Chiefs of the Blackfoot, Crowfoot, Dakota, Iroquois, Navajo and Susquehanna Tribes and the scores of top flight men who have served as Tribal Chiefs, and have lived with Joe, all unite in saying "he's the tops".

Some idea of Joe Whitwam's effective leadership may be had from the way in which he handles the huge athletic meets in the OB Camp. Last summer, for instance, there were 332 Older Boys registered in OB. Every man took part in the athletic meet unless excused by the camp nurse or doctor. There were six events in the meet which meant that there were more than 6000 tries, all of which were concluded within the space of a little more than three hours, believe it or not.

One of Joe Whitwam's Big Specialties in OB Camp is the annual Rodeo which is staged in the hollow south of the Eating lodge on the first Saturday night of OB Camp. That Rodeo is one of the high points in the recreational program of OB, and it wouldn't surprise the Director at all if Joe were to have some Rodeo stuff up his sleeve this summer for YB....And the way Joe keeps 24 tribal teams on their toes in Tribal Games and Tournaments is certainly something to see.

Not only has Joe Whitwam been an outstanding leader in our Founder Camps, but he also was an outstanding camper. He rated "four-fold" in the personality analysis department of OB in all four years that he was a camper. In note book grades he really hit high with a sizzling 93%, which any OB Camper will tell you is "tops plus".

In the way of Camp Awards, Joe just about scooped up everything in the books, including the highly prized Indian Name of "Woecon" and the much coveted Leaders (solid gold) medal, which was awarded him as far back as 1930.

Added to all of this is the fact that Joe Whitwam is one whale of a fine person, friendly, hard hitting, with a fine sense of humor and a man of high moral standards.

It's going to be a lot of fun camping with Joe, and under his fine leadership I am certain that we can confidently look forward to one of the finest and best YB Camps we have ever held at Camp Miniwanca.

AND NOW, ONE MORE IMPORTANT WORD. Will you please remind mother and dad that December 1st is the dead line date when we can positively promise to hold places for old YB and Pre-Senior Campers. After December 1st new and prospective campers will receive their invitations to register. Old campers might be able to get in after December 1st, but to be absolutely certain of a place, the application must be in the Founder office on or before that date. If your application is not yet in, I hope you can send it at once. More YB News will follow later on. Keep yourself up on that high Founder level of four-fold living, and watch your tummy on Thanksgiving Day.

Founderly yours,

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P. G. Orwig, Director

